

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

**AGENDA**

1. Open microphone

**COMMENTS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR**

2. This item reserved for the Mayor to address the City Council, with an opportunity for questions from the Council

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR**

3. A communication submitting an Order authorizing the borrowing of \$1.5 Million for the purchase of 25 school buses
4. A communication submitting an Order amending Order #52 of the Series of 2003, which authorized exemption of certain positions from civil service law
5. A communication submitting a Order accepting a donation from Berkshire Gas Company of a Bryant EnergyStar furnace
6. A communication informing the Council that Holly Taylor of True North Financial Services will be presenting a report on the Fiscal 03 health plan performance

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

7. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Chief of Police to enforce speed limits on South Street from Memorial Park to just south of the Berkshire Life Building
8. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking the Chief of Police to inform Councilors of registered sex offenders in their wards
9. A petition from Councilor Arlos that the City Physician to seek a waiver to dispense buprenorphine to treat heroin addiction
10. A petition from Councilor Arlos asking Mayor-elect Ruberto to meet with the Governor to request an increase in state aid

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

11. Report of the Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the City of Pittsfield to adopt a tax amnesty program, recommending it be amended and approved
12. Report of the Finance Committee to whom was referred a petition from Councilor Lee to accept Mass. General Law, Chapter 32B, Section 18, regarding Medicare for retirees, recommending it be approved
13. Report of the Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting a Resolution providing for the creation of the Downing Three Economic Opportunity Area and an Order authorizing the use of the Special Tax Assessment for the Perferx Optical Expansion Project, recommending it be approved

14. Report of the Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from Mayor Hathaway submitting an Order authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,200,000 for the purpose of school buses, recommending the approval of borrowing of \$1.5 million for the purpose of buying buses under Option 2 from the School Department

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

15. A response from the City Solicitor to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding the chairman of the Board of Assessors (tabled 11-12-02)
16. A petition from Councilor Tuttle for a status report from the hydrologist that the Council requested to help resolve the water problems in the Burke Ave./Crane Ave. area (tabled 8-12-03)
17. Appointment of Raymond Boudreau as an associate member of the Community Development Board (tabled 9-9-03)
18. A traffic order establishing parking restrictions on Chickering St. (tabled 9-24-03)
19. Appointment of Thomas Galvagni as a member of the Community Development Board (tabled 9-24-03)

#### **MATTERS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER RULE 27**

##### *Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Rules*

20. A petition from Rinaldo DelGallo, III submitting questions regarding zoning ordinances regulating transfer stations

##### *Referred to the Committee on Public Works and Utilities*

21. A petition from Federico Realty Corp. for acceptance of Federico Drive Extension (plans are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office)

#### **PLACED ON FILE**

22. A response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilors Arpante and Tuttle regarding state and federal assistance for crime problems
23. A response from Chief Riello to a petition from Councilor Vincelette regarding a noise and speeding problem on Elaine Drive
24. A response from Pittsfield Housing Authority to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting public housing information
25. A response from Berkshire Housing to a petition from Councilor Arlos requesting public housing information
26. A response from Representative Larkin to a petition from Councilor Arlos regarding illicit drugs
27. A communication from the Pittsfield Community Development Board informing the Council of a decision regarding modifications at Berkshire Crossing Shopping Center